

Education and Lay Ministry

The focus shifted this year from an Annual Symposium to a restructuring of the Gathering Seminars. Several open forums were held which were open to all who had an interest or desire to make a presentation at the Gathering. As a result of that work the number of seminars was increased and seminars were added on Saturday. In addition, the topics moved from a focus on the seven areas of canonical study for clergy, e.g. Scripture, Church History, Theology, to a portfolio of offerings on everything from youth ministry to Christian Formation to developing a parish based food back-pack ministry for school children.

Of the funds allotted this year \$1,500 was designated for diocesan EFM membership and \$1,600 to support the Gathering.

Review and evaluation of the 2011 Gathering will be used to shape the plans for 2012.

Each and every offering speaks to one or more of the vows of the Baptismal Covenant.

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